

Detailed and Complete Listing of the Claims:

Please amend the claims as filed:

1. (Withdrawn) A metallic product comprising: a metallic curved hollow member having a hollow cross section which comprises a thin wall portion and a thick wall portion which is thicker than the thin wall portion, the metallic curved hollow member being produced by bending a metallic straight hollow member produced by extrusion of aluminum material which is one of aluminum and aluminum alloy.

2. (Withdrawn) The metallic product as claimed in claim 1, in which the thick wall portion and the thin wall portion extend in a longitudinal direction of the metallic curved hollow member, in which the thick wall portion and the thin wall portion are sections formed by the extrusion, and in which the thick wall portion and the thin wall portion extend along a periphery of the hollow cross section of the metallic curved hollow member.

3. (Withdrawn) The metallic product as claimed in claim 2, in which the metallic straight hollow member has a hollow cross section which comprises a thin wall portion and a thick wall portion which is thicker than the thin wall portion, the thin wall portion and the thick wall portion extending along a periphery of the hollow cross section of the metallic straight hollow member.

4. (Withdrawn) The metallic product as claimed in claim 3, in which the metallic straight hollow member is formed into an eccentric pipe comprising an inner cylindrical surface and an outer cylindrical surface, the inner cylindrical surface being eccentric from the outer cylindrical surface.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Withdrawn) A production process of forming a metallic curved hollow member, the process comprising: forming a metallic straight hollow member by extrusion of aluminum material which is one of aluminum and aluminum alloy; and bending the metallic straight hollow member into the metallic curved hollow member, the metallic curved hollow

member having a hollow cross section which comprises a thin wall portion and a thick wall portion which is thicker than the thin wall portion.

7. (Withdrawn) A metallic product comprising: a metallic curved hollow member having a hollow cross section which comprises a cross-shaped portion, the metallic curved hollow member being produced by bending a metallic straight hollow member produced by extrusion of aluminum material which is one of aluminum and aluminum alloy.

8. (Withdrawn) A production process of forming a metallic curved hollow member, the process comprising: forming a metallic straight hollow member by extrusion of aluminum material which is one of aluminum and aluminum alloy; and bending the metallic straight hollow member into the metallic curved hollow member, the metallic curved hollow member having a hollow cross section which comprises a cross-shaped portion.

9. (Currently Amended) A vehicular member construction comprising:

a pair of side members extending substantially in a fore-and-aft direction of a vehicle and spaced apart from each other substantially in a widthwise direction of the vehicle; and

a pair of cross members including a first cross member and a second cross member spaced apart from each other in the fore-and-aft direction of the vehicle connecting the pair of the side members;

wherein at least one of the pair of the side members and the pair of the cross members has a hollow cross section comprising:

a thin wall ~~portion~~; and

a thick wall ~~portion~~ which is thicker than the thin wall ~~portion~~; and

connecting walls between the thin wall and the thick wall;

wherein the thin wall, ~~portion~~ and the thick wall, and the connecting walls ~~portion~~ are monolithic with each other, and

wherein the thin wall, the thick wall and the connecting walls are ~~portion~~ is free from an inscribed mating with each other ~~the thick wall portion, and~~

wherein the side member comprises a suspension link bracket for supporting a suspension link for linking the side member and a wheel of the vehicle, the suspension link bracket being mounted on the thick wall of the side member in such a manner that the thin wall is free from mounting with the suspension link bracket.

10. (Currently Amended) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 9, in which the at least one of the side member and the cross member that has the hollow cross section comprising the thick wall ~~portion~~ comprises a bent metallic hollow extruded aluminum material member, the aluminum material being one of aluminum and aluminum alloy.

11. (Currently Amended) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 10, in which the thick wall ~~portion~~ and the thin wall ~~portion~~ extend in a longitudinal direction of the side member, and in which the thick wall ~~portion~~ and the thin wall ~~portion~~ are extruded sections.

12. (Previously Presented) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 11, in which the metallic hollow member has a hollow cross section which comprises a thin wall portion and a thick wall portion which is thicker than the thin wall portion.

13. (Currently Amended) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 12, in which the metallic ~~straight~~-hollow member is formed from an eccentric pipe comprising an inner cylindrical surface and an outer cylindrical surface, a center of the inner cylindrical surface being eccentric from a center of the outer cylindrical surface.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 9, in which the thick wall ~~portion that is thicker than the thin wall portion~~ is formed through a hydraulic forming method comprising the following sequential operations of: bending a workpiece which is straight and hollow; and pressing the workpiece so that the workpiece has a cross section which is substantially rectangular in shape.

16. (Original) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 15, in which upper and lower dies used for the hydraulic forming method defines a cavity which is formed with an inner surface, and in which a gap defined between the workpiece and a unique portion of the inner surface of the cavity is greater than a gap defined between the

workpiece and other portion of the inner surface other than the unique portion, the workpiece being of the at least one of the side member and the cross member.

17. (Withdrawn) A production process of forming a vehicular member construction, the process comprising: forming a metallic straight hollow member by extrusion of aluminum material which is one of aluminum and aluminum alloy; and bending the metallic straight hollow member into a metallic curved hollow member, the metallic curved hollow member having a hollow cross section which comprises a thin wall portion and a thick wall portion which is thicker than the thin wall portion.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently Amended) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least one of the pair of the side members and the pair of the cross members having the thin wall, the thick wall, and the connecting walls also has a plurality of portions having a convex outer wall and a concave inner wall ~~thin wall portion has a convex outer wall and a concave inner wall, and the thick wall portion has convex outer wall and a concave inner wall.~~

24. (Currently Amended) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 9, wherein the thin wall ~~portion is monolithic with a portion having~~ has a convex outer wall and a concave inner wall, and wherein the thick wall ~~portion has convex outer wall and a~~ convex inner wall.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The vehicular member construction as claimed in claim 9, wherein the at least one of the pair of side members and the pair of the cross members has a cross section consisting of four walls and curved portions connecting the four walls.